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TOWNSHIP TICKETS.



DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For County Treasurer,
HENRY SCHWIER, Democrat,
Of Buffalo Township.
For Sheriff,
D. C. LUSE, Democrat,
Of Great Bend.
For County Clerk,
E. C. DAVIS, Populist,
Of Washburn Precinct.
For Register of Deeds,
ELMER S. BRODIE, Populist,
Of Beaver Township.
For Coroner,
Dr. P. J. BARTLE, Silver Republican,
Of Pawnee Rock.
For Commissioner, 2nd Dist.,
EDWIN TYLER, Silver Republican,
Of Great Bend.

Democratic Judicial Ticket.

For Judge of 20th District,
C. F. FOLEY,
Of Rice County.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

THE Ohio river is only three feet deep at Cincinnati. We have got more water than that in the Koen ditch.

We need the coroner to "sit on" the defunct gold-bugs after the 2nd of November. Dr. Bartle, the bright young physician of Pawnee Rock can do the act to perfection. Vote for him and give Dr. Shaw a rest.

JUDGE FOLEY, our candidate for district judge, was in Barton county last week and saw many of our citizens. He expresses himself as well pleased with the outlook, and thinks the silver forces are going to stand together this fall as solidly as last fall.

ELMER BRODIE is a winner, because he is best qualified for the position of register of deeds. He is genial, obliging and quick to appreciate the wishes of those who may call upon him. The county records will be in safe hands when you vote him into the office.

D. C. LUSE is quick, resourceful, courageous and accommodating, and well acquainted with the duties of sheriff. He will not be backward about getting out in any sort of weather to pursue a criminal, and will be found "hot on the trail" at a moment's notice. He is deserving of your votes for sheriff.

E. C. DAVIS, if elected county clerk, will never "gerrymander" an official ballot to give his party an undue advantage. He will be found at all times administering the duties of the office to all alike, and in strict accordance with the law. He should receive the votes and earnest support of all free silver men—democrats, populists and republicans.

MOST of the western and northern states that gave their electoral votes to McKinley are now being burned up with drouth, while Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, which gave their electoral vote to Bryan, are doing pretty well, thank you. Moral: In the next presidential election vote for your own interests and the Lord will be with you.

WILL the people of Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana please accept the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Kansas over their misfortune in being burned up with the drouth? While it gets a little dry and windy here at times, Kansas lands will not burn to a depth of four feet, the dust never gets six inches deep, and our wells never go entirely dry. Come to Kansas and be happy.

WILL the people of Barton county assist to put in power again the party which last year robbed the county of several hundred dollars on the one item of printing the official ballots? When you call at the county clerk's office ask to see the bill for \$413—contracted by a republican clerk and allowed by a republican board—for doing printing that the same man offers to do this year for \$26.

ED TYLER's youngest daughter is still very sick, and he is unable to do any canvassing. But everybody in this commissioner district can conscientiously vote for him for commis-

sioner. He is one of the very first settlers in the county, and has never before sought a county office. In the city, where his home has been mostly, he has been selected time and again as member of the school board and city council. Vote for Ed Tyler for commissioner.

SENATOR WALCOTT and his colleagues had just as well come home and spend the rest of that big appropriation for the bi-metallic commission at home. The play is played. International agreement on bi-metallicism is busted. The present administration can now go ahead with its agreement to saddle upon us mono-metallicism; and when the ballots fall in 1900 the "international agreement" faddists will be buried deep beneath the white avalanche of true American independence.

HENRY SCHWIER will make a careful, faithful "watchdog of the treasury" of Barton county. His years of experience in the office of county commissioner has given him a thorough knowledge of the way the county's finances are handled. Being a sufferer from rheumatism, he may not get to see all the voters of the county, but the DEMOCRAT has no hesitancy in saying that the county funds will be as safe in his hands as in the hands of any man in Barton county. Vote for Henry Schwier, the farmer, for county treasurer and you will help elect a good man, although not an office seeker.

WHEN Benjamin Franklin wrote "A penny saved is a penny earned," I imagine that he did not mean a penny skimmed from our daily living or from our necessities. That is not "a penny saved," in the best sense; it is a penny stolen from yourself. A penny saved is a penny rescued from waste. An hour taken from needed sleep is not an hour saved, but an hour stolen; an hour taken from idle gossip and turned to some good account—that is an hour saved. And it is the same with our money and our products. There is no economy in self-denial. It is the duty of every man and woman to live the fullest and best life possible; to nourish the body and mind and soul, and to develop them to the highest possible degree. This cannot be done by "skimping." A fuller, freer life is what we need. Economy is necessary, but we must not mistake what economy is. We must save the waste: stop the leaks, but having saved, we must put our savings to some good use, else we are like the miser with his gold, a detriment to society instead of a good.—Farm News.

Dick Bosse has made Barton county an ideal treasurer. Can anyone state a plausible reason why he should not be re-elected?—Ellinwood Leader.

WELL, there are reasons, and reasons. One reason is that, while Mr. Bosse is a good man, and has made a good officer—"there are others." Mr. Bosse has had two terms as county treasurer, and he does not need a third term. He can make more money looking after his interests at Ellinwood than as county treasurer and we believe that he permitted himself to be nominated for a third term more to strengthen the republican ticket and assist the friends who supported him last year than because he really wants the office. The Leader will doubtless acknowledge that Mr. Bosse cannot be elected to a third term without the votes of democrats or populists. As we have given some "reasons" will the Leader now give us some logical reason why the democrats or populists should vote for Dick Bosse or any other republican—to help build up the republican party? Mr. Bosse's opponent, Henry Schwier, is as well qualified to fill the office, speaks German, is thoroughly trustworthy, and is a consistent and earnest supporter of the cause for which all democrats and populists are working, and every democrat and populist should vote for him—just as it is supposed every republican gold standard man will vote for Mr. Bosse. Can the Leader "state a plausible reason" why the above is not correct?

D. N. Heizer was down from Colorado a few days last week.

THE OLD MAN REPENTS.

There are hopes that the editor of the Tribune of this city may yet become a good man and stand a show with the rest of us to pass through the pearly gates. He evidently has a conscience. There are proofs of it cropping out. And by what strange method of reasoning have we come to this conclusion? We will tell you:

Last week, in accord with the new election law, the county commissioners let the printing of the official ballots for Barton county. By rights the printing of the ballots should have been awarded to the official printer—providing he did the work at a reasonable price, but the commissioners saw fit to let the work to the lowest bidder. When bids were opened they were found to be as follows:

A. J. Hoisington, per thousand, \$5 00
D. T. Armstrong, " 4 00
Will E. Stoke, " 4 00
C. P. Townsley, " 2 00

As \$2.00 per thousand would be about the cost of the paper (if the ballots are printed according to law) the bid of Townsley was accepted.

Wondering why Townsley was anxious to do the work for nothing, we sought a reason. In the office of the county clerk we found the bill which Mr. Townsley put into the county for printing 13,025 ballots last fall was \$435.50. The amount allowed was \$413.00, or at the rate of \$30.07 1/2 a thousand. Allowing that the ballots last year were twice as large as this year, and therefore worth twice as much to print them, it should, according to Townsley's bid, have cost but \$53.00 for the 13,025 ballots. Therefore, Townsley last year perpetrated a steal of just \$382.00 from the taxpayers of the county.

As we stated to commence with, his conscience is evidently working on him. He is growing old and feeble, and doubtless believes he is not long for this earth, and wants to make amends for his ill-doing so far as lies in his power. Therefore having practically robbed the taxpayers of Barton county of \$382.00 at one clip—and the Lord only knows how much more in former years when the republicans had full sway—he now offers to print the ballots for practically the cost of the material.

If the old fellow is not repenting of his sins, will he please tell us what ulterior motive he has in now offering to print the ballots for what any sane printer will tell you is half price?

A great many young men, like some older ones, imagine that it is a nice thing to become leaders in politics, and they start in early to work up in the ranks. Our advice to such boys is to drop this business at once. There's nothing in it.—Tribune.

EVIDENTLY our friend of the Tribune is afraid of the "young crowd," and desires all young men to let him and the rest of the old mossbacks who have run republican politics so long, continue to run things. The DEMOCRAT would like to see EVERY young man take an interest in politics. It is one of their duties as free American citizens. We do not fear to see the young and progressive blood inoculated into politics; it means that live issues of the day, and not the old, worn out shuttle-cocks and battle-dore of past days, will be discussed and understood. Young men, study politics; think for yourselves; vote for yourselves and as you understand the issues. You are lacking in manhood if, when you become of voting age, you take your politics from some of the old fellows who live more in the past than in the present. The democratic party welcomes all young and intelligent men to its rapidly increasing ranks. Old fogyism has no place in democracy's ranks.

CONGRESSMAN BOTKIN has issued a challenge to discuss the silver question in open debate with any intelligent republican in Kansas. But it seems the republicans are not anxious to discuss the live issues of the day. They want to talk about "dollar wheat," and "returning confidence"—two things that have not yet materialized and are not liable to.

HON. JERRY SIMPSON will speak in Great Bend on October 30th. Most fall work will be over, and the people from the country can take a day off and come into town that day. Let us give Jerry a rousing meeting, and show our neighbors the republicans, how "dead" the silver issue is—nib.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

Office of County Clerk, Oct. 4th, 1897.

Board of County Commissioners of Barton county met on above date in regular session pursuant to law, at which were present C. L. Moses chairman, Matt Dick and H. C. Merhoff, L. P. Aber sheriff, and M. B. Fitts county clerk.

Minutes of last regular meeting (July 6th) read and approved.
Tax of 1891 on Lot 7, Blk 56, city of Great Bend, being delinquent and unpaid it was ordered that County Treasurer receipt in full for tax of above year on payment of \$9.63.

Ordered that tax sales on Section 16 Township 18, S. Range 12 W., tax 1890 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 be canceled, and County Treasurer ordered to reappportion and charge to the different funds the amount as collected.

Ordered that the North American Trust Co. be allowed to redeem balance of tax for 1893 on W 1/2 W 1/2 Sect. 34, T. 18, R. 13.

Ordered that Helena Rief be refunded tax on \$200 valuation on W 1/2 N W 1/2 Section 10, T. 17, S. R. 12, account of erroneous assessment, tax \$6.76 per 67.

Tax on lot 12, block 136, Great Bend, compromised for \$15, tax, cost and interest for 3 years, except 1887, to 1896 inclusive, and Mary Stephens allowed assignment and tax deed ordered.

Board compromised delinquent tax on lots 1 and 2, block 96, Great Bend, for \$20, and J. H. Jennison allowed assignment of all tax, interest, and costs on said lots on payment of above amt. Also that lot 4, same block, be assigned on payment of \$10.

Resignation of M. J. Keenan as treasurer of Liberty township accepted and Frank Fruit appointed to fill vacancy.

Quarterly report of county clerk presented, accepted and placed on file.

Quarterly report of county superintendent received, adopted and placed on file.

Bill of D. D. Page, care of Hilton, rejected.

On account of erroneous assessment, S. Gano allowed a rebate of \$3.80, tax of 1895.

Bids for printing tickets for Nov. 1897 election opened, C. P. Townsley being the lowest bidder was allowed the contract at \$2 per thousand.

Bond of First National Bank as county depository, approved.

In matter of road petition of Ernest Panne et al., report of viewers received and road located, and county clerk instructed to notify trustees of Great Bend township to open said road. G. H. Hulme allowed \$12 for damage.

County Superintendent appointed and the board approved the following appraisers of N 1/2 SW 1/4 and lot 3, sec. 36, T. 2 R. 15—state school land, viz: John W. Smith, W. B. Bowman, Chas. Gano.

Report of probate judge and committee examining county treasury approved and placed on file.

Fee bill in case of Mrs. Ross rejected.

Board made semi-annual settlement with the county treasurer.

Ordered that tax sale on lots 7 and 8, block 58, Albert, (occupied by railroad for section house and grounds) for tax of 1895 6, be canceled and said lots stricken from tax rolls, as tax on them is paid as right of way by the railroad.

Ordered that Charles Murphy be discharged from jail, provided he will leave the county at once.

Ordered that James Wilson be discharged from the county jail upon his paying or settlement with the county attorney for the amount of fees of said county attorney.

BILLS ALLOWED.	
Degen & Co, mds for poor.....	\$ 58.32
J. W. A. Cooke, printing.....	6.50
M. L. Harrison, sal. supt.....	300.00
do express.....	4.35
S. H. Chatten, mat. for bridge.....	5.55
Jas. H. Smith, care of R. Foote.....	2.00
W. D. Miller, do.....	6.50
W. A. Dunn, mds for poor.....	5.00
L. P. Aber, commitments.....	257.75
Joe Sprinker, rep. Ellinwood bridge.....	17.75
Joe, Blader, do.....	2.50
Herbert Sprinker do.....	7.25
L. C. Breeden, salary probate judge.....	123.75
M. B. Fitts, salary county clerk.....	228.70
J. B. Francis, care Hilton.....	21.87
L. P. Aber, drawing jury.....	2.00
B. F. Ogie, do.....	2.00
J. H. Jennison, do.....	2.00
F. Ward, care Ward.....	70.00
John Bacon, rep. on Ellinwood bridge.....	6.00
S. A. Newcombe, salary surveyor.....	60.60
E. W. Smith, care of Mrs. Burnip.....	7.50
W. B. King, care pauper.....	7.50
Wm. Elksner, overseeing poor.....	3.00
Allice Zutavern, care Coe.....	26.00
W. M. Gunnell, rent.....	12.00
C. Samuels, mds for poor.....	27.12
Sudge Goodale, care of F. Goodale.....	26.00
C. G. Morrison, material for county.....	3.10
F. L. Marsh, mds' ex. examiner.....	9.00
P. J. McMullen, do.....	9.00
P. J. Kramer, work for sheriff.....	.75
H. F. Balow, physician.....	37.50
Two Grimes, mds for poor.....	6.50

Joe Bundenthal, rep bridge.....	3.00
E. Hansen, work Ellinwood bridge.....	2.25
W. J. Middleton do.....	3.00
J. G. Braun do.....	4.50
Joe Blader, care Brown.....	1.00
H. Nordman, mds poor.....	1.00
F. M. Scott, care Brown.....	10.15
W. F. Klein, livery team.....	25.00
Dr Atkins, county physician.....	2.50
Dr Shaw, do.....	25.00
L. L. Ward, care Ward.....	18.00
P. J. Kimpier, burial pauper.....	35.00
D. Bosse, salary treasurer.....	12.00
W. E. Stoke, printing.....	500.00
City Great Bend, sundries.....	8.50
W. H. Howerton, house pauper.....	21.77
Dr Lightfoot, health officer.....	6.00
A. C. Fair & Bro, lumber.....	33.00
P. G. Strothmann, exp. omce.....	4.95
Rader & Sprinker, mds poor.....	.50
Hutchinson News Co, supplies.....	200.00
C. F. diffenbacher, salary.....	90.00
H. A. Bishop, mds poor.....	1.80
Edwards & Fair, Ellinwood bridge.....	342.92
J. W. McLean, mds jail.....	3.00
B. Hampton, care Foote.....	2.00
Dr Dunn, post mortem.....	5.00
L. P. Ader, sheriff.....	62.25
H. Caro, mds poor.....	4.75
C. P. Townsley, printing.....	9.20
G. N. Moses, mds county.....	52.25
D. T. Armstrong, tax list.....	553.52
L. B. Wilcox, hauling.....	1.00

STATE VS J. S. BROWN	
C. Schwartzberger, witness.....	2.50
Katie Sieb, do.....	2.50
Sam Little, do.....	3.10
C. Weber, do.....	1.30
A. Smith, do.....	1.30
John Webber, do.....	1.50
A. Reiner, do.....	2.50
W. F. Kiblin, constable.....	2.32

STATE VS LESLIE	
G. Toepeke, justice.....	3.45
W. F. Klein, constable.....	4.65

STATE VS MURPHY	
G. Toepeke, justice.....	4.85
W. F. Klein, constable.....	5.45
Theodore Stein, witness.....	.50
Jas Charles, do.....	.50
Jas Hules, do.....	.50
F. H. Blaw, do.....	.50

STATE VS DODDS	
G. Toepeke, justice.....	8.05
W. F. Klein, constable.....	12.50
E. S. Smith, witness.....	.50
Joe Sprinker, do.....	.50
John Denker, do.....	.50
Oscar Meyer, do.....	.50
John Christoph, do.....	.50
Ed Leern, do.....	.50
L. Zutavern, do.....	.50
V. S. Musil, do.....	.50
M. M. Osborn, do.....	.50

CORONER'S INQUEST—UNKNOWN	
Dr. Shaw, coroner.....	15.50
L. P. Aber, sheriff.....	12.35
M. Garvey, watching body.....	1.50
Joe Sprinker, witness.....	2.00
G. Toepeke, do.....	2.00
S. H. Chatten, do.....	2.00
S. H. Thomas, do.....	2.00
H. D. Bock, do.....	2.00
J. M. Glendon, do.....	2.00

FEE BILL—JOHN J. DOODS	
A. C. Breeden, probate judge.....	21.60
L. C. Whitcombe, juror.....	1.00
Dr. Connert, do.....	1.00
Bruce Jones, do.....	1.00
J. F. Tilton, do.....	1.00
P. Cooperider, do.....	1.00
W. H. Howerton, do.....	1.00
E. L. Hotchkiss, witness.....	1.00
Chas. E. Dodge, do.....	1.50
L. P. Aber, do.....	1.50
W. P. Cone, do.....	1.50
Tom Gutrie, do.....	1.50
Wm. Jeltz, do.....	1.50
W. E. Strike, do.....	1.50
L. P. Aber, attending probate court.....	9.00
J. W. Downey, mds for poor.....	4.56
L. C. Breeden, exam. Co. Try.....	2.00
F. M. Scott, care of Brown.....	3.00
I. N. Woodward, telegram.....	.35
L. P. Aber, janitor work.....	9.00
Jake Bundenthal, work on bridge.....	15.0
S. A. Young, care of Hilton.....	12.00
G. H. Hulme, damages.....	2.00
Chris Koopman, viewing road.....	2.00
O. Wood, do.....	2.00
W. H. Dodge, do.....	2.00
C. L. Moses, commissioner.....	15.00
H. C. Merhoff, do.....	15.00
Matt Dick, do.....	15.00
L. P. Aber, attending board.....	4.50

The board thereupon adjourned, until next regular meeting.

This year the official ballot will be arranged with the tickets on it in accordance with the number of votes cast last fall. Under the new law the county clerk, who has charge of the printing of the tickets, cannot arrange the tickets on the ballots so unjustly as they were arranged last year. The party casting the largest number of votes at the last previous election gets first place, the second largest second place, and the third third place. The order this year will be: Republicans, first column; democrats, second column; people's party, third column; independent, fourth column, and then there will be a blank in the fifth column where voters who do not want to vote for any man whose name is printed on the ballot can write the names of those he intends to vote for. The ballots this year will be about half as large as they were last year.

Mr. Ernest Gundlach and wife, of near Champaign, Ills., who have been making a six week's visit to their daughter, Mrs. M. Eppstein, of this city, are arranging to return home next week. Miss Ada Eppstein will accompany them on a visit of a few months. Mr. Gundlach says the letters from Illinois inform him that that state is experiencing one of the most disastrous dry seasons in the history of the state.

Under the state laws now we are told that quails can be killed during the months of October and November, and a lot of the sports are finding them.

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